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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PINS, ET

SUBJECT: REPORTED ARREST OF ATTORNEYS TEFERI AND BEKELE

1. DEPTOFF WAS TOLD BY BULCHA DEMEKSA, ETHIOPIAN STAFF MEMBER OF IBRD, THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT ATTORNEYS TEFERI BERHANE AND BEKELE NADI HAD BEEN ARRESTED RECENTLY WHILE ALLEGEDLY TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM ETHIOPIA. STORY IS THAT THEY WERE STOPPED AT ROADBLOCK 100 MILES OUTSIDE ADDIS ABABA. ALTHOUGH THEY SAID THEY WERE JUST OUT FOR A DRIVE, SECURITY FORCES MANNING ROADBLOCK ACCUSED THEM OF TRYING TO ESCAPE THE COUNTRY AND ARRESTED THEM.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VERIFYING AND ELABORATING THIS REPORT, WITHOUT DISCUSSING MATTER DIRECTLY WITH EPMG OFFICIALS. BOTH ATTORNEYS HAVE IN PAST BEEN QUITE WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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